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## MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

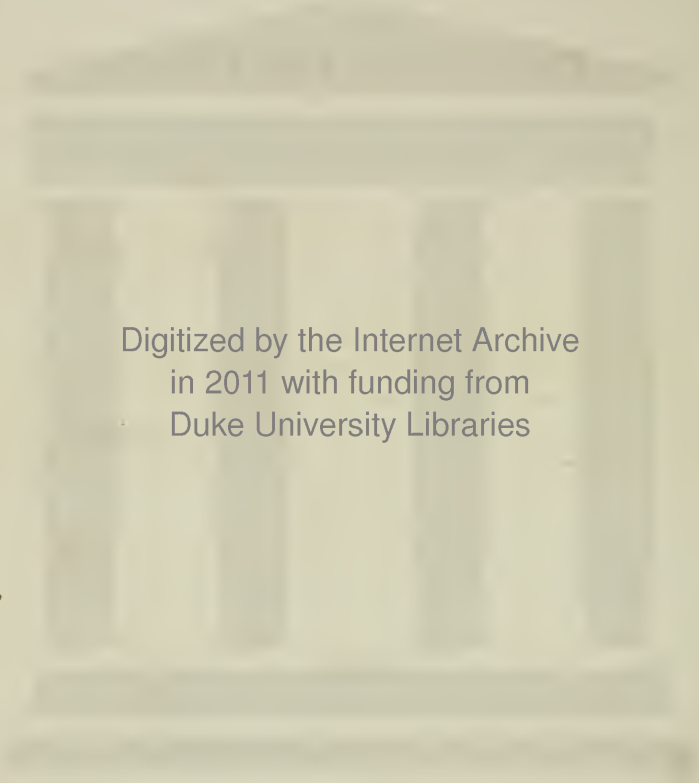
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RICHMOND, VA., March 12, 1863.

*To the House of Representatives :*

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, in further response to your resolution of the 5th instant, in reference to claims for vessels seized for public use.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.



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COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }  
War Department, }  
Richmond, Va., March 11, 1863. }

*To the President of the Confederate States :*

Sir : A report of the claims presented to the Second Auditor for vessels seized or employed by military authorities, was submitted, in compliance to a resolution of the House of Representatives. The Chief of Engineers was not prepared at that time to make a report. His report is now enclosed.

Very respectfully your ob't serv't,  
For Secretary of War,  
J. A. CAMPBELL,  
*Assistant Secretary of War.*

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,  
*War Department, Engineer Bureau,* }  
 Richmond, Va., March 10th, 1863. }

Hon. JAMES A. SEDDON, *Secretary of War* :

Sir: Since my communication to you of February 18th, 1863, three additional claims for vessels seized by order of the military authorities, have been filed in this office. Below a list of them is given.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,  
 J. F. GILMER,  
*Col. and Chief Eng. Bur.*

CLAIMS

Approved and filed in the Engineer Bureau for vessels seized by order of the military authorities for the public use.

Date of filing.	Claimants.	Names of Vessels.	Character of Vessels.	Where used.	Value.
1863.					
March 3,	M'Ilhenny & Co	Hark Away.	Schooner.	Cape Fear River obstructions.	\$6,000
March 5,	P. O. Foster.	Vernon.	Barge.	Mobile Harbor obstructions.	5,000
March 5,	P. O. Foster.	California.	Schooner.	Mobile Harbor obstructions.	1,500
Total amount,				- -	<u>\$12,500</u>

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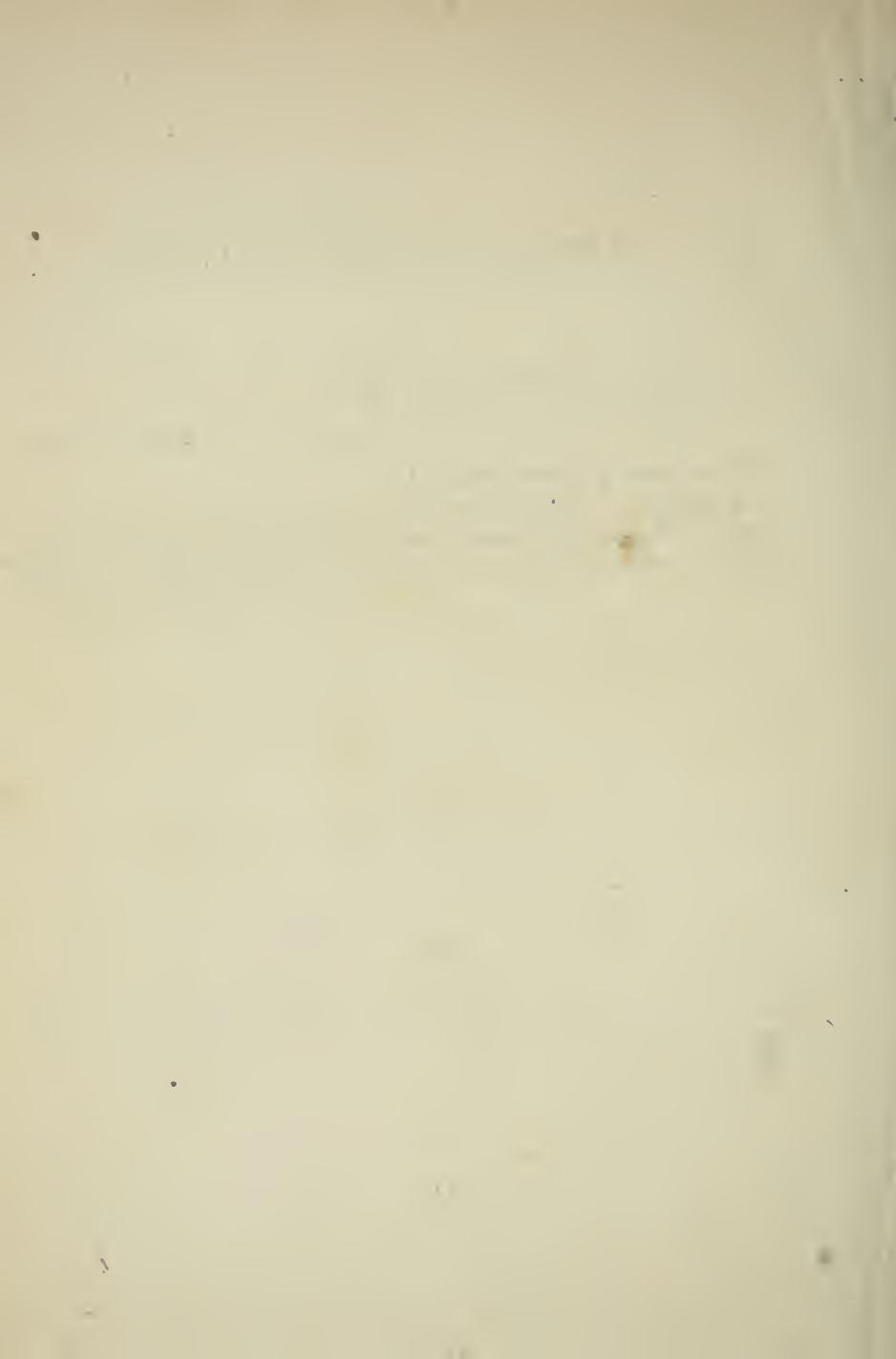
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RICHMOND, VA., March 10, 1863.

*To the House of Representatives :*

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, in further response to your resolution of the 5th ult., in regard to the number and amount of claims for vessels seized for public use.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.



COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF NAVY.

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CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }  
Navy Department, }  
Richmond, March 9th, 1863. }

THE PRESIDENT:

Sir: Referring to my letter of the 13th ultimo, in response to the following resolution adopted by the House of Representatives, "*Resolved*, That the President be requested to communicate to the House the number and amount of claims for vessels seized for public use— filed in the War and Navy Departments, and in the Auditor of the Treasury Department the names of the claimants, the time when severally filed, and the estimated sum required for their payment," I have the honor to submit the claim of Mr. Daniel J. Turner for a steam dredge machine, sunk in Dismal Swamp Canal, by order of Commander Thomas T. Hunter, Confederate States Navy, and to enclose herewith a copy of the appraisement and Commander Hunter's certificate.

With much respect,

Your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*



[ Copy. ]

The undersigned, disinterested citizens and property owners of the county of Camden, North Carolina, having been called upon to adjudge the value of one steam dredge machine, belonging to Daniel J. Turner, and which was seized and sunk in the new cut of the Dismal Swamp Canal by order of Capt. Thomas Hunter, Confederate States Navy, do, from their knowledge of said steam dredge machine, adjudge its cash value at seven thousand dollars.

Given under our hands, in the county of Camden, this 10th day of April, 1862, in duplicate.

(Signed,)

WM. R. ABBOTT.

(Signed,)

JOHN W. HOLSTEAD

(Signed,)

W. C. GORDON.

*State of North Carolina, County of Camden, April 10, 1862:*

This day personally appeared before me, W. W. Sawyer, a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, William R. Abbott, John W. Holstead and Willis C. Gordon, whose names are signed to the above paper, and made oath that the value assessed by them on the steam dredge machine of Daniel J. Turner, sunk in the new cut of the Dismal Swamp Canal, is a fair and equitable cash valuation thereof, and I certify, that the said William R. Abbott, John W. Holstead and Willis C. Gordon, are respectable and responsible citizens of this county.

(Signed,)

W. W. SAWYER, J. P.

C. S. STEAMER "GAINES," OFF FORT MORGAN, }  
Mobile, Ala., March 26, 1862. }

MR. DANIEL J. TURNER:

Sir: At your request I cheerfully certify to my having seized, on the 9th of February last, in the name of the Confederate States, your steam dredging machine and sunk it in the Cross Cut Canal, near its junction with the Pankatank river, immediately after my passing that place with the three Confederate steamers bound to Norfolk. The value of the machine can now readily be determined, as she was only slightly scuttled. It was essential to the public interest at the moment.

Very respectfully,

(Signed,) THOS. T. TURNER, *Com'dr C. S. N.,**And lately Sr. Off. of that detachment of the N. A. Fleet.*

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